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...ARE BUSY BEATIN' THE TAR OUTTA EACH OTHER.

WE DIDN'T WANT *THEM* HERE, ANYWAY. SO WE SIT BACK AND ENJOY THE SHOW.

HOW LONG WILL WE HOLD POSITION, BARON?

UNTIL BUNNIE HAS THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL, OR UNTIL SHE NEEDS US.

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IT AIN'T THAT SIMPLE! IF THE SAND BLASTERS...

...GET A-HOLD OF THIS PLACE--

--THEN EGGMAN WILL COME DOWN *HARD* ON THE BARON AND HIS D.E.L. CHAPTER! *

YEAH, ABOUT THAT...

*DARK EGG LEGION.

THEY USED TO BE ROBIANS*, BUT THEY WENT RIGHT BACK TO EGGMAN...
...ONCE THEY WERE BACK TO NORMAL!
THAT'S NOT COOL!
*ROBOTICIZED MOBIANS.
THE SAND BLASTERS ABUSED THEM! THE BARON HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO GO TO EGGMAN FOR PROTECTION!
...BUT C'MON, THE D.E.L. ARE "BAD GUYS"--
--WE'RE JUST DOING THEIR DIRTY WORK FOR THEM!
HUH.
YEAH, THAT SOUNDS ABOUT RIGHT FOR JACK AND HIS CREW...
THE BARON'S MAH UNCLE, SONIC. AH CAIN'T TURN MAH BACK ON HIM NOW THAT AH FOUND HIM AGAIN.

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AND YET YER RIGHT. WE CAIN'T LET THEM MAINTAIN THIS PLACE FOR THE DOC...

AND YOU'VE MADE YOUR POINT.

I WON'T LET THE SAND BLASTERS TAKE THIS PLACE AND LEAVE YOUR UNCLE OR HIS GROUP TO TAKE THE HEAT.

IT'D BE DIFFERENT IF IT WAS JUST US DOING THE SAME-OLD HERO STUFF...

YEAH. THEN THERE'D ONLY BE US TO BLAME...

OH, DEAR! I HAVE BEEN THROWN WITH EXCESSIVE FORCE!
I'LL GET YOU BACK FOR THAT!
YER SUCH A HAM, SUGAH-HOG.
WHAM

HA HAHA! THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE!

AW, C'MON, BOSS!

I WANNA WATCH!

SOME-BODY ?!

OH, FIE UPON YOU. I SHALL RELINQUISH MINE IF IT WILL SILENCE YOUR ACCURSED PRATTLING.

THANKS, SHIFT...! YOU DA MAN!

OH, MAN! OH, MAN! THEY'RE TEARING UP THE PLACE! WOO!

YEAH... THEY ARE...

THOSE LOW-DOWN, SCUM-SUCKING DOUBLE-DEALING...

START THE JEEPS! WEAPONS READY! MOVE IN AND TAKE THEM OUT--*NOW!*

STRANGE. NOW THEY CHOOSE TO MOVE.
MMM. POWER UP THE SALCER, MATILDA. WE'RE MOVIN' IN
YES, BARON HOPEFULLY WE WILL END THE FIGHT BEFORE THE REFINERY SUFFERS ANY MORE COLLATERAL DAMAGE.
HOPEFULLY - WAIT.
WELL, WHAT DID YOU EXPECT, BEAUREGARD? SHE SAID SHE WAS A FREEDOM FIGHTER.
AND SHE MARRIED A D'COOLETTE.

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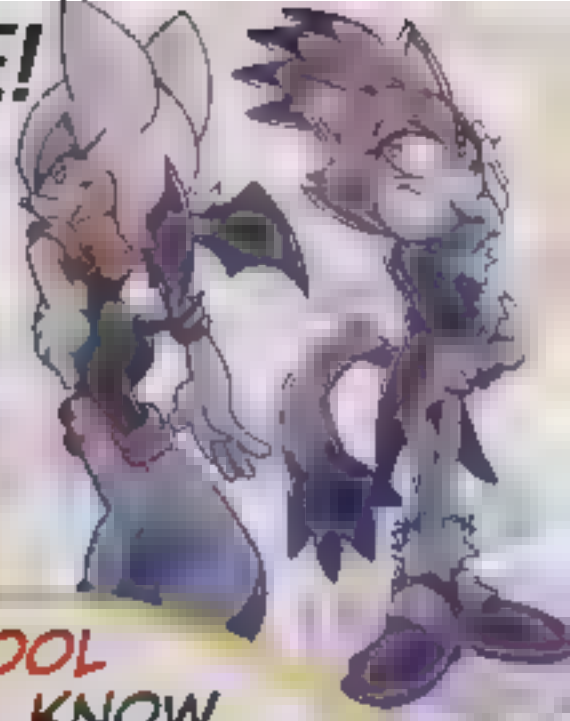

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OOPS -- LOOKS LIKE THE J G S JP. SJGAH HOG.
AW, AND I WAS HAV NG FLN F GHT NG YOL FOR MY VERY L.FE.
OH, SHUSH.
AH M SURE YOU LL BE BRAIN- WASHED AGA'N SOON ENOUGH. AND WE CAN T JSSLE S'MORE.
I SUPPOSE BUT WHO KNOWS WHEN THE DOC WILL TROT OUT THAT TIRED SCHEME AGAIN?
ENOJGH JOSH N'. WE'VE GOTTA DO AS MLCH DAMAGE AS WE CAN BEFORE WE RE OVER- WHELMED.
RIGHT I'LL HANDLE THE JERKS BELOW. WATCH YOUR BACK OUT THERE.

OW! HEY! QUIT IT!

NOT SO HOT AGAINST SOMEONE WITH REAL SPEED, ARE YA?

ARE YA?

ARE YA, MISTER I'M SO-FAST?!

HUH?

WHOA!

SLOW DOWN!

WHOA! WHOA! WHOA!

AUGH!

WHAT IS IT WITH ME HAVING TO F GHT GREEN, ANNOYING BIRDS ALL THE TIME?

WHOOF!

=KOFF= HEY, TEX. GLAD TO SEE YOU, TOO.

BACK OFF, GRUE-SOME!
WHAT WAS THAT.
.ABOUT WATCHIN MY BACK?
I HAD THE SITUATION TOTALLY UNDER CONTROL.
CLINK
THERE. SEE? YOU WEREN'T WATCHING YOUR BACK
GET A LIFE, SH.F.T.
CONFOUNDED CYBORGS AND THEIR METAL APPENDAGES!
BRUTE STRENGTH FOILING MY GENIUS!
SHOOT..
...AND I REALLY LIKED THIS JACKET, TOO.
NO WORRIES. I'M SURE ROSE CAN FIX IT

AVERY, IF YOU'VE GOT A SHOT, *TAKE IT.*

BUT BOSS, THIS COULD WRECK THE PLACE WORSE THAN THEY HAVE ALREADY.

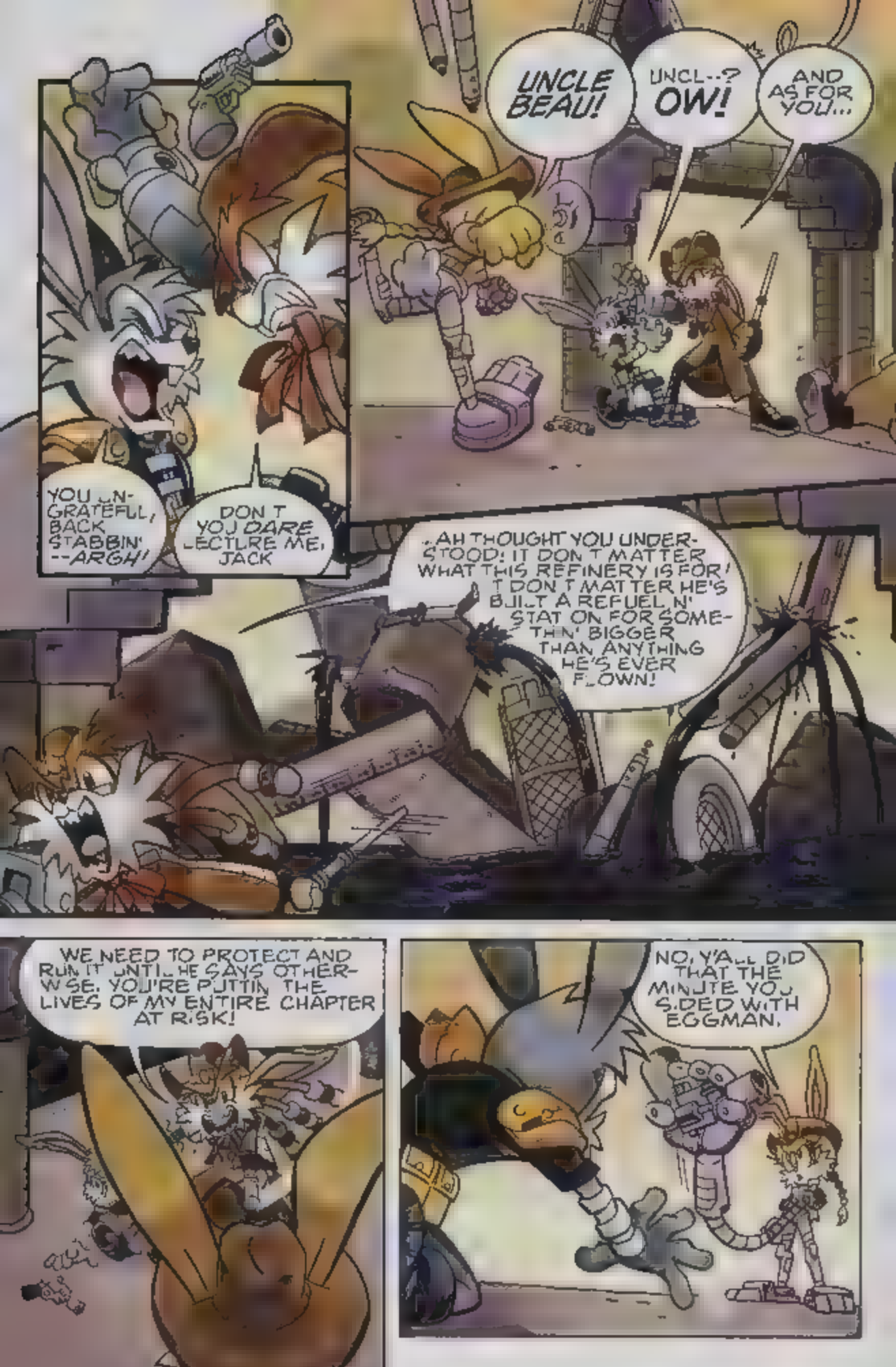
IT'LL BE WORTH IT

R.GHT BOSS.

FWEEEE

THE BARON!

CRACK


UNCLE BEAU!
UNCL--?
OW!
AND AS FOR YOU...
YOU UN-GRATEFUL, BACK STABBIN' --ARGH!
DON T YOJ DARE LECTURE ME, JACK
..AH THOUGHT YOU UNDER-STOOD! IT DON T MATTER WHAT THIS REFINERY IS FOR! T DON T MATTER HE'S BUILT A REFUEL N' STAT ON FOR SOME-TH N' BIGGER THAN ANYTHING HE'S EVER FLOWN!
WE NEED TO PROTECT AND RUN IT UNTIL HE SAYS OTHER-WISE. YOU'RE PUTTIN THE LIVES OF MY ENTIRE CHAPTER AT RISK!
NO, Y'ALL DID THAT THE MINUTE YOJ S.DED WITH EGGMAN.

YOU COLD-HEARTED--

--GAH!

SURPRISE!

BWOOM!

NOW YOU'VE GONE AND DONE IT, *MISSUS D'COOLETTE!* YOU'VE DOOMED US ALL!

NO, AH HAVEN'T..

WE STOPPED THE SAND-BLASTERS FROM GETTIN' THIS PLACE. WE'VE STRUCK A BLOW TO EGGMAN'S PLANS...

WHAT-EVER THEY ARE.

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WHAT ?

SHE'S RIGHT.

JUST TELL THE DOC I WAS INVOLVED, AND YOU'LL BE COMPLETELY OFF THE HOOK WE GO BACK A LONG WAY.

(HE'S GOT A BIT OF A COMPLEX)

YOU CAN'T PLAY BOTH SIDES FOREVER, BUNS. ONE OF THESE DAYS, YOU'LL HAVE TO FACE US AS A FREEDOM FIGHTER

AH KNOW THAT, UNCLE BEAR, BUT NOT THIS TIME

IT'S THE FIRST TIME AH'VE SEEN YOU IN YEARS. AH DIDN'T WANT IT TO END IN ANOTHER FIGHT

FREEZE!

STAND DOWN.

I GAVE THE ORDER TO FALL BACK.

GOOD-BYE, MISSUS D'COOLETTE.

GOOD-BYE GRANDMASTER RABBOT.

÷WHEW÷ WELL LOOK AT IT THIS WAY JACK'S GANG DECIDED NOT TO STICK AROUND...
THE LEGION..
..IS IN FULL RETREAT.
AND, SMOKE AS DE IT LOOKS LIKE THE REFINERY'S MESS WON'T SPILL OVER INTO THE ENVIRONMENT.
WE HELPED OUT A GROUP OF FREEDOM FIGHTERS, STOMPED THE PLANS OF VARIOUS JERKS, AND HELPED OUT A GROUP OF PEOPLE IN A BAD POSITION. IT WAS A GOOD DAY BUNNIE.
YOU'RE RIGHT SONIC
C'MON LET'S GO HOME

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I'M SORRY, DR. QUACK. TODAY WAS SHAPING UP TO BE ONE OF HIS BETTER DAYS
IT'S FINE, M'LADY. I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.
HONESTLY, MAX YOU CAN'T SHUT OUT EVERYONE
NO NOT EVERYONE
WOULD YOU FETCH SOMEONE FOR ME?
OF COURSE, DEAR. WHO WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE? SALLY? ELIAS?
NO. BRING ME GEOFFREY ST. JOHN
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STOP YOUR SHOV NG. I'M NOT SOME PR SONER YOU GET TO KICK AROUND!
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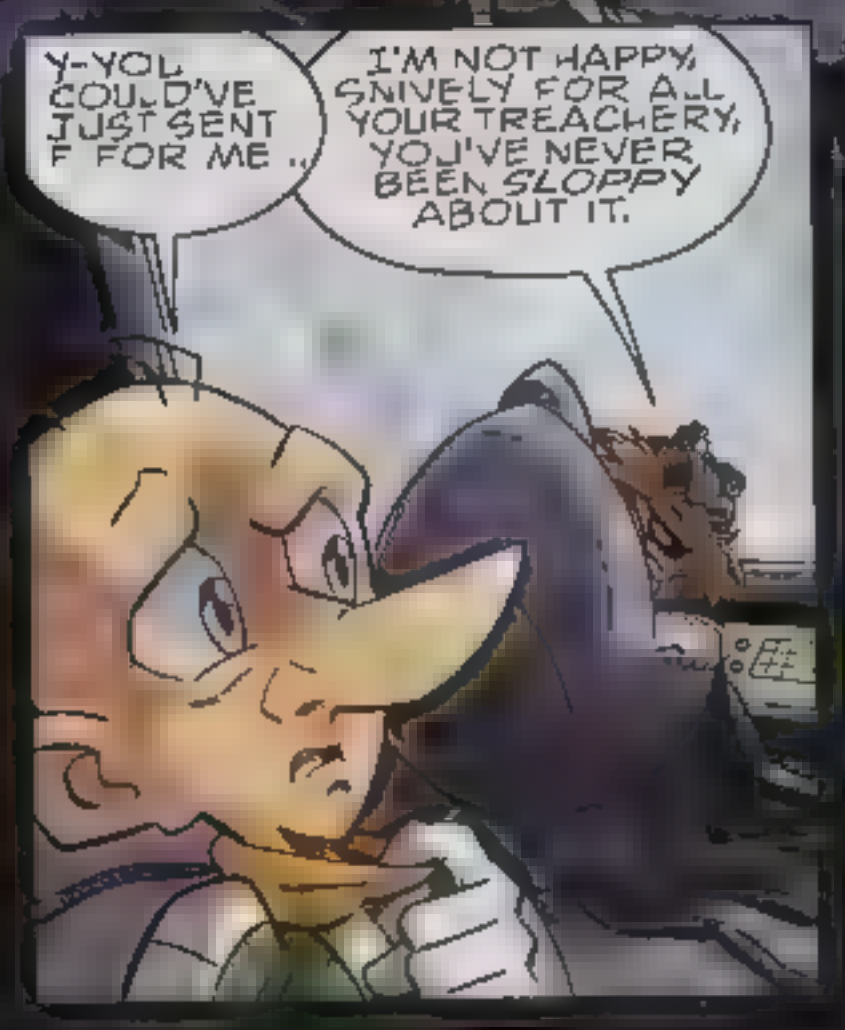
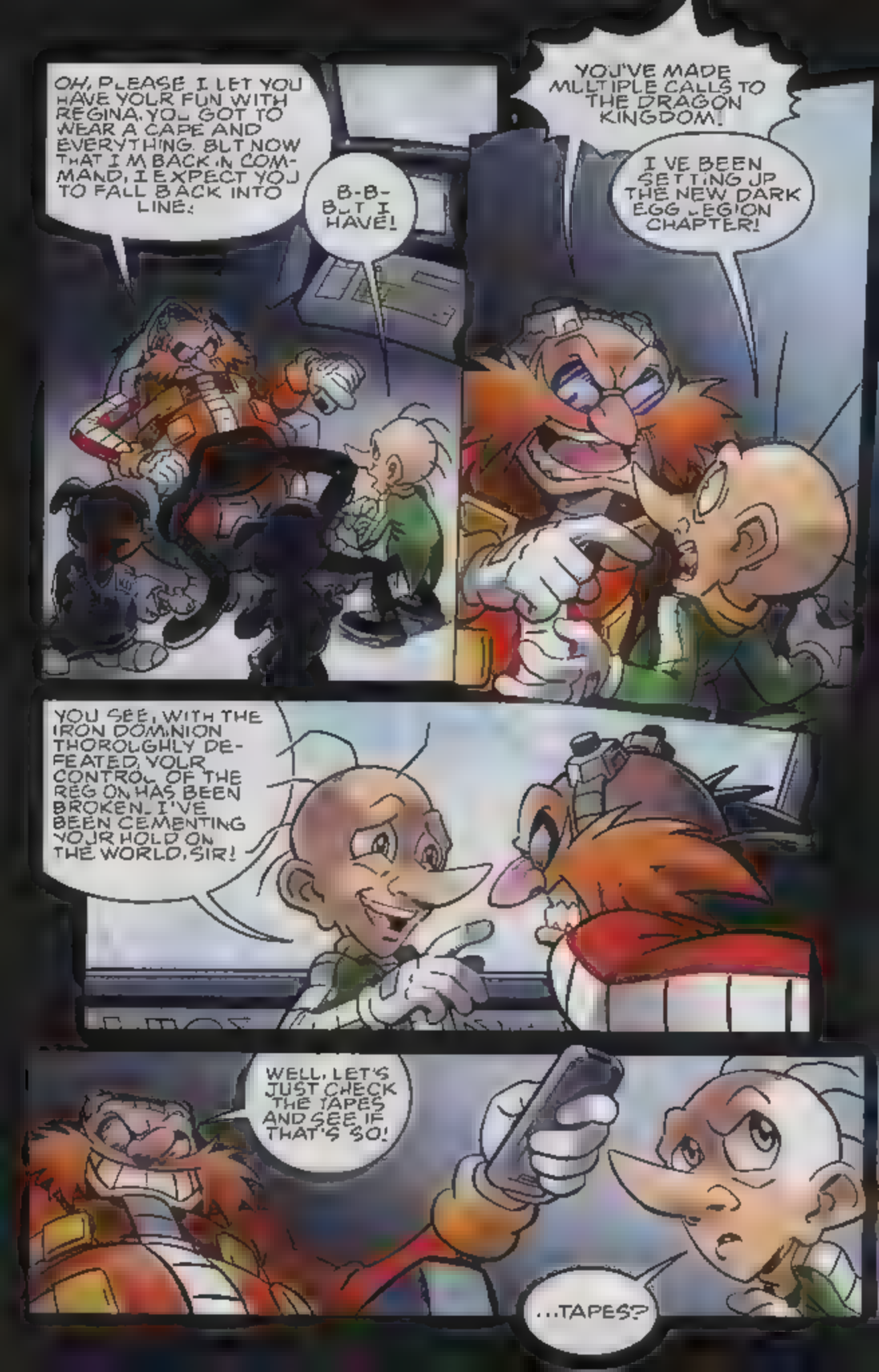

Y-YOU COULD'VE JUST SENT F FOR ME ..
I'M NOT HAPPY, SNIVELY FOR ALL YOUR TREACHERY, YOU'VE NEVER BEEN SLOPPY ABOUT IT.

I-I-I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WH- WHAT YOU'RE .


OH, PLEASE. I LET YOU HAVE YOUR FUN WITH REGINA. YOU GOT TO WEAR A CAPE AND EVERYTHING. BUT NOW THAT I'M BACK IN COMMAND, I EXPECT YOU TO FALL BACK INTO LINE.
B-B-BUT I HAVE!
YOU'VE MADE MULTIPLE CALLS TO THE DRAGON KINGDOM!
I'VE BEEN SETTING UP THE NEW DARK EGG LEGION CHAPTER!
YOU SEE, WITH THE IRON DOMINION THOROUGHLY DEFEATED, YOUR CONTROL OF THE REGION HAS BEEN BROKEN. I'VE BEEN CEMENTING YOUR HOLD ON THE WORLD, SIR!
WELL, LET'S JUST CHECK THE TAPES AND SEE IF THAT'S SO!
...TAPES?

WHAT AM I SAYING? OF COURSE HE'D RECORD EVERYTHING..

SHHH!

THIS IS THE EGG DOME OF NEW MEGAOPOLIS CONTACTING THE IRON FORTRESS OF THE DRAGON KINGDOM. THIS IS SNIVELY. DO YOU COPY?

THIS IS THE BRIDE OF THE CONQUERING STORM. GO AHEAD, SNIVELY.

WE WILL BE SENDING THE AUTOMATED LEGIONIZING DEVICES WITHIN THE WEEK ARE YOU PREPARED TO RECEIVE AND INSTALL THEM?

WE ARE. BUT THE RAIJU CLAN IS STRONG. WE DO NOT NEED--

WE ARE SPONSORING YOUR CHAPTER. WE WILL TELL YOU WHAT YOU NEED. IS THAT UNDERSTOOD?

YES, SIR.

THERE, YOU SEE? NOW CAN WE PUT THIS SILLY BUSINESS

GOOD. NOW, ABOUT THE IRON QUEEN...

--BEHIND US

SHE'S STILL IMPRISONED IN THE HEART OF THE FREE PEOPLE'S LANDS. THAT PRISON IS STILL MADE OF STONE, STILL KEPT CLEAR OF ANY ADVANCED MACHINERY OR ELECTRONICS, SIR.
VERY GOOD. THAT IS ALL THEN, SNIVELY, OVER AND OUT.
END
W-WELL? TH-THERE YOU HAVE IT! I'M VERIFYING ANY CHALLENGES TO YOUR POWER ARE TAKEN CARE OF! WH-WHAT'S TREACHEROUS ABOUT ANY OF THAT?
SAY IT'S OVER.
WHAT?
SAY THAT YOUR LITTLE ROMANCE WITH THE IRON QUEEN IS OVER.
GIVE HER UP
HERE NOW

SH-SHE'S... LOST TO ME. IT'S...OVER. I GIVE UP.

ATTABOY! YOU'RE ALL DISMISSED!

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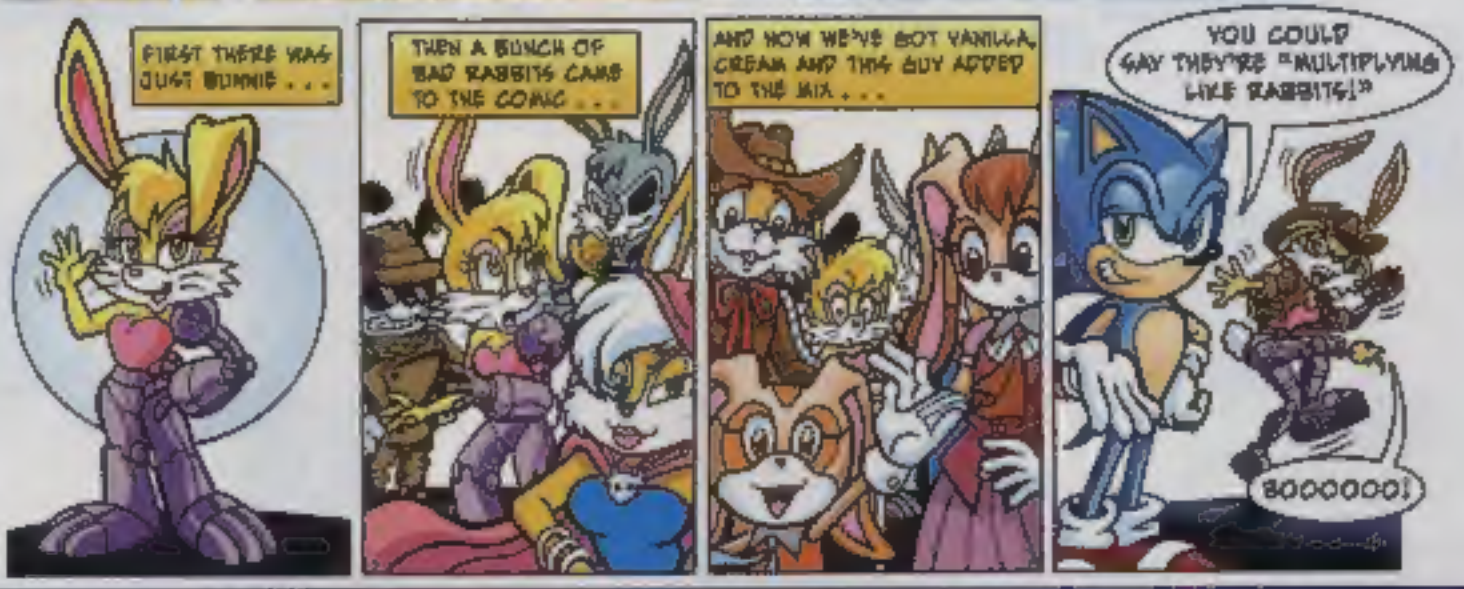
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THEN A BUNCH OF BAD RABBITS CAME TO THE COMIC . . .
AND NOW WE'VE GOT VANILLA, CREAM AND THIS GUY ADDED TO THE MIX . . .
YOU COULD SAY THEY'RE "MULTIPLYING LIKE RABBITS!"
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I am Mr. Sonic Grams, and I am a HUGE fan of Sonic fans!

I want to be a cartoonist for the Sonic comics someday, and I've already made some characters of my own, including one that is supposed to be me! (Rachel the Hedgehog)

That's AWESOME, Rachel! Keep drawing! I tried to make a Sonic character out of myself one time, but for some reason Ian refused to write "Bearded the Hedgehog" into continuity. What can I say? Writers!

I love the comic books, and I can't wait for the next one to come out!!! Oh, and by the way, my friends say that I am SO much like Sonic that I have practically turned into SHE-Sonic!!!

I smell a Spin-off series! Ian? Thoughts?

Plus, I think Mighty the Armadillo is cute. PLEASE BRING HIM BACK! To close this letter, you are all awesome people (except Eggman) especially Tracy Yardley! He ROCKS! I hope my letter gets published! Bye!!

Rachel M.
from Arizona

Thanks for the letter, Rachel! You are correct, we are indeed all awesome! Especially Tracy Yardley! Have you seen his amazing work in Sonic Universe lately?? Not to mention last issue's back-up story "Welcome Back, Chao!"

Dear Sonic-Grams,
Yo!

YO!

Sonic Comics ROCK!

YEAH!

I've been collecting the Sonic books since 2007's Free Comic Book Day issue, and the comics have been awesome ever since!

Sweet deal! Just wait until this coming FCBD! It's gonna be something extra special!

I have some suggestions, questions AND comments to make, so here goes:
1) Is there going to be a Sonic the Hedgehog/Sonic Universe story arc focused on what happens to Mighty and Ray after issue #212?

You better believe it! Say, speaking of armadillos, see any cool ones lately? Perhaps in this very issue?

2) Are the Babylon Rogues getting their own story arc soon? If they are, I HAVE to see it!

Mwahahahahaha

3) What kind of animal is Antoine? I've never been able to figure it out.

Coyote. FRENCH Coyote.

4) I think the Wolf Pack is cool! I think wolves are awesome, so I was pretty happy when I found out that there were wolf characters - and good guys too!

A-WOOOOOOOOO (She's referring to Sonic #'s213-214 for those of you who haven't read it yet - check it out!)

5) Are any of you going to be at New York Comic Con 2010?

We are, and we did! NYCC 2010 was an awesome show and thanks to everyone who attended!

6) Who's Jun Kun?

A rather large gentleman. Also known as the IRON KING!

Anyway, great job on the comics! I couldn't decide who to be the #1 fan of, so I'll just say:

Sincerely,
Amanda the Awesome
from New Jersey

Woo! Go Jersey pride! K, guys n gals, that's it for another letters column! But before I go, I want to send a shout-out to The Illustrious Q on the Bumblekingforums for spotting a very VERY obscure "HELP!" reference! Kudos, Q!
See ya next month :)

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